

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated January 25, 2008, in which the Examiner rejected claims 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner acknowledge Applicants' claim for Foreign Priority. Copies of the certified priority documents have been filed with the International Bureau.

As indicated above, minor informalities in the Specification have been corrected. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner approves the corrections.

As indicated above, claims 8 and 11-13 have been amended to correct a typographical error, for stylistic reasons and to make explicit what is implicit in the claims. The amendment is unrelated to a statutory requirement for patentability.

Claim 8 claims an information processing apparatus, claim 11 claims an information process method, claim 12 claims a program record medium on which a program is recorded and causes a computer to perform an information process, and claim 13 claims a program causing a computer to perform an information process. The apparatus, method, medium and program obtain reproduction information necessary to reproduce data when the data is recorded. The reproduction information is setup information about resolution of the data and encoding of the data. A first management file is generated describing (a) the reproduction information and (b) a unique identifier that composes a clip. A second information file is registered in which management information of clips recorded in the recording medium are totally managed. The second management file is composed of the reproduction information, the unique identifier and information representing the recorded position of the data that compose the clip. Reproduction data that compose all the clips are successively reproduced according to the first or second

management file. When a recording medium is loaded, the second management file is read from the recording medium and stored to a memory. When the clip is to be reproduced, the first management file is read from the recording medium and stored to the memory.

By obtaining setup information about resolution and encoding of the data, by generating and registering first and second management files and by reading a second management file when a recording medium is loaded and reading a first management file when a clip is to be reproduced as claimed in claims 8 and 11-13, the claimed invention provides an apparatus, method, medium and program in which information necessary to reproduce data can be obtained quickly and without a time lag. The prior art does not show, teach or suggest the invention as claimed in claims 8 and 11-13.

Claims 8-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over *David, et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0131764) in view of *Takagi, et al.* (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0085997).

David, et al. appears to disclose recording audio and/or video information signals onto a recording medium [0003]. Nothing in *David, et al.* shows, teaches or suggests obtaining setup information about resolution and encoding of the data as claimed in claims 8 and 11-13. Rather, *David, et al.* only discloses recording audio and/or video information signals onto a recording medium.

Also, *David, et al.* merely discloses arranging metadata objects into a plurality of categories and recording the metadata objects in accordance with the categories [0049 – 0050].

Thus, *David, et al.* only discloses recording metadata objects into categories. Nothing in *David, et al.* shows, teaches or suggests a first management file describing (a) setup information

about resolution and encoding and (b) a unique identifier as claimed in claims 8 and 11-13.

Rather, *David, et al.* only discloses recording metadata objects into categories.

Furthermore, *David, et al.* merely discloses first identifiers which are not unique but needed to distinguish pieces of material on a medium and second identifiers which are unique identifiers [0011 – 0016]. Nothing in *David, et al.* shows, teaches or suggests a second management file for totally managing clips recorded on a recording medium including (a) setup information about resolution and encoding of the data, (b) a unique identifier, and (c) an information that represents a recorded position of data as claimed in claims 8 and 11-13. Rather, *David, et al.* merely discloses first and second identifiers.

Finally, nothing in *David, et al.* shows, teaches or suggests when a record medium is loaded a second management file is read and when a clip is to be reproduced, a first management file is read as claimed in claims 8 and 11-13.

Takagi, et al. appears to disclose metadata input at a planning processing and at a casting process is registered in a database managed in a concentrated fashion by an archival manager at the same time as a tag specifying the registered metadata is issued (Abstract).

Thus, *Takagi, et al.* merely discloses registering metadata into a database. Nothing in *Takagi, et al.* shows, teaches or suggests (a) a second management file which totally manages clips recorded on a record medium, (b) the second management file composed of (i) setup information about resolution and encoding of the data, (ii) a unique identifier and (iii) information that represents a recorded position, (c) reading a second management file when a record medium is loaded and reading a first management file when a clip is to be reproduced, (d) obtaining setup information about resolution and encoding of data and (e) a first management file

describing (i) setup information and (ii) a unique identifier as claimed in claims 8 and 11-13.

Rather, *Takagi, et al.* merely discloses registering metadata into a database.

A combination of *David, et al.* and *Takagi, et al.* would merely suggest to store the metadata of *David, et al.* into the database of *Takagi, et al.* Thus, nothing in the combination of the references shows, teaches or suggests (a) obtaining setup information about resolution and encoding of data, (b) generating a first management file describing setup information and a unique identifier, (c) a second management file composed of the setup information, unique identifier and information about a recorded position, and (d) reading the second management file when a record medium is loaded and reading a first management file when a clip is to be reproduced as claimed in claims 8 and 11-13. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the objection to claims 8 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 9-10 depend from claim 8 and recite additional features. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-10 would not have been obvious within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 103 over *David, et al.* and *Takagi, et al.* at least for the reasons as set forth above. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

The prior art of record, which is not relied upon, is acknowledged. The references taken singularly or in combination do not anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for a reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

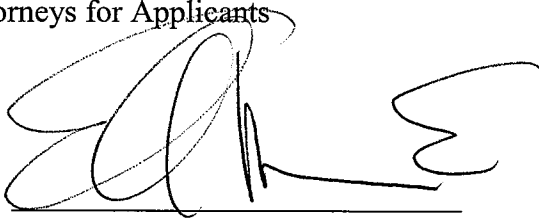
If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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